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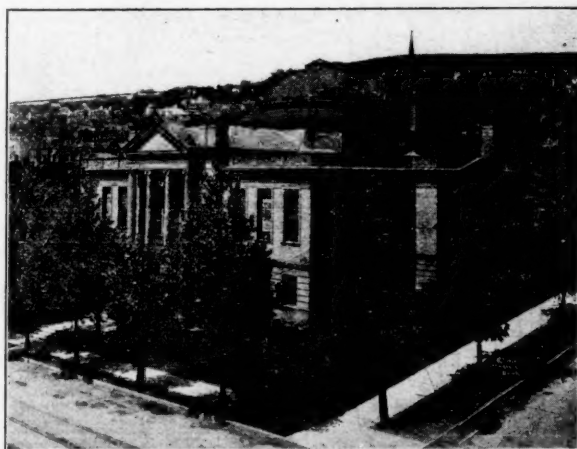
DULUTH, MINN.

OCTOBER 2-4, 1922

Headquarters:

SUN PARLOR, SPALDING HOTEL

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DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tentative Program

2:30—3:00 p. m. Roll call of libraries (one-half minute each) The most interesting thing the library has done this year

3:00 p. m. Report of Education Committee, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Chairman

Discussion

3:45 p. m. Striking features of the Detroit Conference by Minnesota delegates

4:30 p. m. Paper—What corporation training has to teach us, Mr. F. K. Walter, Librarian, University of Minnesota

Appointment of committees

6:30 p. m. Dinner—Spalding Hotel Ball Room

Music

8:00 p. m. Stunts:

St. Paul Library

Minneapolis Library

University Library

Range Library Club

Lake Region Library Club

8:00 a. m. Breakfast picnic on lake shore
10:00 a. m. Report of Standardization and Certification Committee, Miss Clara Baldwin, Chairman
Discussion
10:30 a. m. Round Table—Work with foreign born, Miss Margaret Hickman, Leader
11:15 a. m. Round Table—Administration, Miss Dorothy Hurlbert, leader
Staff rules Public's point of view
Vacations Bargain days
Sunday and holiday opening Borrowers' cards
Mutilations and theft
11:15 a. m. Trustees' Round Table
Organization of the library board
Meetings:
Frequency
How to make them interesting
Attendance of librarian
Business problems:
Income and budget problems
Handling the petty cash
Extension problems:
Publicity
County extension
Co-operation with schools
Use of the building for other than library purposes
Needed legislation—Do public libraries want state aid?
1:45 p. m. Report of Library Legislation Committee, Miss Gracia A. Countryman, Chairman
Discussion:
2:30 p. m. Round Table—Recent developments in County Library work
Miss Countryman, Leader
Miss Clark—Hibbing
Miss Lilliequist—Chisholm
Miss van Buren—Owatonna
3:15 p. m. Discussion of Publicity Methods, Miss Ruth Rosholt, leader
4:00 p. m. Boulevard drive
6:30 p. m. Dinner at Business Women's club
8:00 p. m. At Public Library
Introductory remarks by Library Commissioner Mayor S. F. Sniveley,
Address, Mary Eileen Ahern, Editor, Public Libraries
Informal reception

OCTOBER 4

- 10:00 a. m. Report of Committee on Courses in Library Science, Mrs. J. T. Jennings
Chairman
- 10:30 a. m. Book Symposium, Miss Powell, leader
Religion and Ethics—Miss Lammers and Mrs. Brick
Technical books—Miss Thorson and Miss Dutcher
History and biography—Mrs. Blanchard and Miss Glennon
Childrens' books—Miss McGregor and Miss McCubrey
Fiction—Mrs. Lamb and Miss Martin
- 2:00 p. m. Business session
- 2:30 p. m. Report of Hospital Libraries Committee, Miss Miriam E. Carey, chairman
- 3:00 p. m. School Libraries Round Table, Miss Harriet A. Wood, leader
Student assistants' course, Julia Fink
Library work in rural schools, Morris Stevens
Home reading list in the new high school English syllabus, Harriet Gemmel
Reference work with schools, Irma Walker
- 4:00 p. m. Boat ride with picnic supper

HOTELS

The Spalding Hotel will be headquarters, and meetings will be held in the sun parlor on the top floor. Rooms will also be available at the Holland, just across the street. A few rooms will probably be available at the Y. W. C. A. at \$1.00 a night.

Rates

Spalding Hotel

	with bath	without bath
For 1 person-----	\$3.00	\$2.25
	3.50	2.50
For 2 persons-----	4.75	3.25
	5.50	4.00

Holland Hotel

For 1 person-----	\$2.75	\$1.75
	3.00	2.00
	3.50	2.25
	4.00	
For 2 persons-----	4.00	3.00
	4.50	3.50
	5.00	
	6.00	

In addition to the hotel dining-rooms, there are many excellent tea-rooms and cafeterias conveniently located where meals may be obtained. A list of these will be supplied at the meeting. The Business Women's Club, 220 W. First St., 2nd floor, extends all privileges to members of the M. L. A. Only noon meals are served.

Make reservations through Lynne G. Worth, Public Library, Duluth, specifying price, location, roommates, and time of arrival.

TRANSPORTATION

A pleasant way to go to Duluth will be by the 15-passenger Packard cars which

run from St. Paul, making the trip in six hours for \$5.50, or \$10.50 round trip. Those wishing to go this way may make reservations through the Library Division.

PROGRAM

The chief address will be given on Tuesday evening, by Miss Ahern, editor of Public Libraries. Miss Ahern is a live speaker and her presence insures a wide-awake meeting.

The program has been arranged to provide for participation by the largest possible number of people in the various round tables, and for thorough discussion of committee reports. There will be few formal papers, but discussions will be informal and brief. The half-minute responses to roll-call will be strictly limited in time, and the president promises to run the entire program according to schedule.

To promote acquaintance, attractive entertainments are offered in the program of stunts, when we lay aside all seriousness for one evening, and the boat-ride, boulevard drive and breakfast picnic will introduce us to the charms of the Zenith City, weather permitting.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

The committee on legislation suggests a revision of the present county library law, as the most needed legislation at the present time. An attempt has been made to strengthen the weak points in the present law, in order that the establishment of county libraries may be encouraged. Important changes are: increasing the limit of tax levy, making the establishment mandatory on petition instead of by vote, and

providing for county representation on local library boards. The terms of contract are left as flexible as at present, to meet the requirements in counties of various sizes and conditions.

The revised law is printed below, with new or changed sections in black face type, in order that trustees and librarians may have an opportunity to study it before coming to Duluth, to compare it with the present law, (See Chapter 445, Laws 1919, also School Laws of Minnesota, Chapter XI, p. 74) and be prepared to offer constructive criticism at the meeting.

County Library Law

Section 1. Establishment and Maintenance.

The Board of County Commissioners of any county in the state shall have the power to establish and maintain a public library for the free use of all residents of the county and may levy a tax of not less than one-half mill, or not more than 2 mills on the dollar, annually, of all taxable property in the county, the proceeds of which tax shall be known as the county library fund.

Any incorporated city or village, which is already levying a tax for library purposes amounting to at least 50 cents per capita, estimated from the last state or federal census, may claim exemption from such county library tax.

Such county library shall be located at the county seat, unless another municipality by reason of population, accessibility or better library facilities shall be deemed more advantageous.

Section 2. Mandatory on Petition. If such county library be not otherwise established, the Board of County Commissioners upon the petition of a majority of the voters in such county shall establish a county library, and levy an annual tax for its support, within the limits fixed by Section 1 of this act.

Section 3. Contract with Local Library. If there is a free public library in

the county, the board of county commissioners may contract with the board of directors of such library, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between such boards, for the use of such library by all residents of the county, and may place under the supervision of the said library board the county library fund, hereinbefore provided for, to be spent by said board for the extension of the free use of said library to all residents of the county, excepting those residing in such places as have claimed exemption according to the provisions of Section 1. Provided, also, that in counties of more than 6000 square miles of territory, the board of county commissioners may contract with one or more of such library boards for such free service.

In case the county library fund is placed under the supervision of the local library board, the Board of County Commissioners is entitled to appoint one additional member on the local library board, if the county share of support is equal to one-sixth of the total maintenance fund, and to two additional members if the county share of support is equal to one-third of the total maintenance fund. In case the County Library fund remains in the hands of the Board of County Commissioners, its administration shall be determined by the terms of the contract.

Section 4. County Library Board. If there is no free library in such county available for use as a central library of the county system, the Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a board of five directors; of said directors first appointed, two shall hold office for three years, two for two years, and one for one year, from the third Saturday of July following their appointment, the term of office being specified by the appointing power, and annually thereafter the board of county commissioners shall appoint one or two directors for the term of three years and until their successors qualify. The powers and duties of such board of directors shall be the same as those of a board of directors of any free public library in a city or village, and be governed by the provisions of Sections 4918-4924 of Chapter 33 of the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913.

LIBRARY INSTITUTES

Place	Date	M. E. A. Division	Library Team	Co. Inst. Team	Speaker
Bemidji	Oct. 5-7	Northern	Helen Farr Irma Walker	Mrs. Pyne Miss Banks	
Duluth	Oct. 5-7	Northeast	Ruth Ely Harriet Dutcher		Oct. 7 Miss Ahern E. A. Steiner
Mankato	Oct. 5-7	Southwest	Alice Farr Sophia J. Lammers		Oct. 5 E. A. Steiner
Moorhead	Oct. 5-7	N. W. Central	Sarah Hougham Nelle A. Olson	Miss Bieri Miss Randall	
St. Cloud	Oct. 5-7	Central	Edith Grannis Elizabeth Scripture	Miss Knudson Miss Giere	Oct. 6 E. A. Steiner
Thief River Falls	Oct. 11-13	Northwest	Nelle Olson Helen Farr	Miss Bieri Miss Randall	
St. Paul	Oct. 23-25 Oct. 25-28	M. E. A.	Alma Penrose Others from St. Paul and Minneapolis		
Pipestone	Nov. 1-3		Alice Farr S. J. Lammers	Mrs. Pyne Miss Banks	F. K. Walter
Austin	Nov. 16-18		Maud van Buren Alma Penrose	Mrs. Pyne Miss Banks	F. K. Walter
Montevideo	Dec. 6-8		Elizabeth Scripture Alice Farr	Miss Bieri Miss Randall	F. K. Walter
Winona			Maud van Buren Mary Grant		F. K. Walter

PROGRAM

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day
8:45	Purpose— The librarian Equipment & supplies	Classification and shelf list	Classification and shelf list
9:45	Routine of organization Classification	Accession	Charging system
10:40	Recess		
11:00	Book selection and use	Book selection and use	Teaching the use
Noon Hour			
2:00	Mending	Mending and binding	Mechanical preparation
3:00	Round table	Round table	Round table
Evening	Informal social meeting	Public meeting with address	

LIBRARY INSTITUTES

Arrangements have been completed for the series of library institutes conducted by the Library Division for the benefit of librarians of public libraries and teacher librarians of high and graded schools.

The foregoing schedule has been arranged to coincide with the division meetings of the M. E. A. in order to insure the largest possible attendance of teacher-librarians. While the tentative program covers five periods a day,

adjustments will be made in each place to fit the program of the Education Association, so that full advantage of its attractions may be taken. The announcement that Dr. E. A. Steiner, so well known to librarians, will be present at four of the division meetings should prove a strong drawing card. Negotiations are being made with other good speakers for the meetings at Bemidji and Thief River Falls, and Mr. F. K. Walter, librarian of the State University has very kindly consented to speak at the other institutes. Miss Ahern will remain for the opening of the institute in Duluth. Members of the staff of the Library Division will be present at each institute.

The first five institutes immediately follow the M. L. A. in Duluth, and it is hoped librarians will plan to stop at the institute in their district on their return home. While the institute program is planned primarily for the benefit of those who are working without having had any library instruction, there will be a sufficient number of workers to make it possible to have round table conferences for librarians who have had more experience, and it will be noted that on each team one of the workers has specialized in public library work and the other in school library work.

Wilson's *School Library Management* will be the text book used.

All librarians are asked to bring their copies of the *Minnesota High School and Elementary school lists*.

Local conferences of librarians in each district will do much to promote acquaintance and esprit de corps and to further the program of library development in Minnesota.

A final conference of institute workers was held in the office of the Library Division, Aug. 31- Sept. 2, to arrange details of the program and outlines of instruction.

Library instruction for rural teachers will also be given in all County Teachers' Institutes, supplementing the work given last year, with greater emphasis on selection and use of books. The institute workers who will give this instruction are Miss Margaret Bieri, Miss Myra Banks, Miss Charlotte Knudson, Mr. Henry H. Fuller, Mrs. Adella Duncan and Miss Flora Trites. They met with the library instructors at the conference on September 1st.

LIBRARY COURSES ANNOUNCED

University of Minnesota.

The announcement of courses for the year 1922-23 of the College of Science, Literature and the Arts includes a course in library methods by Professor Frank K. Walter, Librarian and Associate Professor Ina T. Firkins, Reference Librarian. The following statement is quoted from the bulletin:

Use of books and libraries. Introductory study of reference books and library methods as applied to individual study and research. Lectures, examination of reference material and problems in its use. Open to freshmen and sophomores, two hours a week, carrying two credits for a quarter.

The Moorhead State Teachers' College will offer a course in Library Science during the academic year 1922-23. The following outline is taken from their catalog:

Library Economy

This is an elective course that may be chosen by students in either the Junior or Senior College, but not before the student has twelve units of credit.

The course is planned with reference to two objectives:

A. To aid the students in their individual use of the library.

B. To give the students sufficient instruction in the elementary methods of library organization and management to qualify them to take charge of the work in a small school library.

Instruction covers the following points: Book selection and bibliography, mechanical processes, classification, cataloging, desk work, reference work, magazines, bulletins and pamphlets, notes on publishing houses, book dealers, library supply houses, etc.; lectures on general library topics.

SUMMER LIBRARY COURSES AT TEACHERS' COLLEGES

Duluth

At the Duluth State Teachers' College this past summer a week's instruction in library methods was included in the rural school management classes.

The course reached 106 students, some few of whom were intensely interested and came to the librarian for additional instruction after the course was finished.

The five class periods (45 minutes each) allotted to the work were scarcely adequate, therefore the instruction served merely as an introduction to library matters.

The librarian stressed the standardization of library methods, and much time was given to the examination and use of the Minnesota Elementary School Library List and Wilson's "School Library Management." Each student classified one book and made a shelf-list card for it; this together with a book report comprised the only written work required.

To lighten the routine the librarian gave two talks on "Why We Read Books," and the other on "Literature and the Movies."—Ruth Ely.

St. Cloud.

Twenty-seven students attended the class in library science held at the St. Cloud State Teachers' College, June 13-July 21.

A rural school library formed the basis of a practical project in library organization.

In the study of books, the first two hundred as noted in the elementary school library list were carefully examined.

The tests for various types of books as noted in the old school library list were given to each student. In the discussion of good and poor types of stories with readings from the books, Alger's remarkable heroes and Elsie Dinsmore and others of her kind made a poor appearance in the same crowd with Jo, of Little Women fame, and plucky Hans Brinker. The reading of ten or more books suitable for supplementary reading in the grades gave each student an actual acquaintance with some new friends to introduce to their pupils.

The students particularly enjoyed the day when one of their number gave a grade library lesson to the other members of the class.

A library exhibit of supplies and equipment, including a bookcase of the correct type in which were shelved books properly organized, aroused considerable interest among the college students. Printed directions for simple library organization were distributed and questions answered. Posters emphasized the fact that each one-room school might purchase \$40.00 worth of books this year and that the state would pay one half. Other posters drew

attention to the fact that the book list and the first two hundred books might be seen in the library. Many of the students, after examining these books declared that they would see that their school purchased at least \$40.00 worth this year.—Edith Grannis.

Winona

A class of seven availed themselves of the course in Library Methods offered at the summer school of the Winona State Teachers' College. All were experienced teachers except one. Of the six going out to teach this fall, one expected to put the work into immediate practice in a semi-graded school, one expected to reorganize a rural library, and the other four only hoped to have an opportunity to use the experience gained this summer.—Mary Grant.

At Moorhead, there was a class of nine in library methods and at Bemidji twelve students took the work, but detailed reports have not been received.

LIBRARY EXHIBITS

State Fair

As a part of the exhibit showing the work of all state departments, which was a new feature at the Fair this year, the Library Division arranged a corner in the booth of the Department of Education. Model shelves on one side contained the best two hundred books for a rural school library, and an information file, table and chairs completed the library equipment. Traveling libraries of various kinds were exhibited, and posters and maps showed the organization and work of the Division and the present status of public and school library work in the state.

Part of the same exhibit with the county library exhibit was shown at the State Conference of Social Workers at Glenwood, September 9-12.

County Fair Exhibits

A number of libraries are planning exhibits at the county fairs. This is an excellent opportunity to spread the county library doctrine, and for this purpose the A. L. A. county library exhibit may be used. This exhibit has shown its adaptability to various occasions and places in its recent visit to Koochiching County. It was displayed at the annual County Farm Bureau

picnic where a weathered granary made an artistic background for the gray posters, also at an Old Settlers' picnic where it was mounted on a truck, and at a Farmers' Club picnic at Ranier, where it was hung on the balcony of a boathouse. The exhibit is scheduled for county fairs in Itasca and Morrison counties, and will then be shown at Glenwood, Sept. 9-12 and at the meeting of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs at Bemidji, Sept. 13-15. For later dates, applications will be filled in order. The exhibit on children's reading is also available, and is useful both for county fairs and for Children's Book Week

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November 12-18, 1922.

"Is education for individuality an impossibility under our group system? Believers in the power of books do not think so. The child at the other end of a log from a Mark Hopkins may have the ideal instruction, but the boy or girl in the average class-room has just as good a chance if the habit of reading is developed side by side with the ability to read. And, perhaps, the child's own tastes and interests will carry him farther if given free rein among open shelves than he would go under individual guidance."—Frederic G. Melcher.

"More books, the best books of all time, and freedom of choice once the books are there! Then will come the delight of hearing children tell about their discoveries, and that other joy of discovering the children. For their imagination carries them far beyond experience, their emotions are not bounded by it. As they love words or sounds not wholly understood, so their dreams outstrip understanding. They can interpret literature for us. They expect literature."—Grace Hazard Conkling.

A group of high school girls were helping get the school collection in order. One of them picked up a copy of "Twenty Years at Hull House" and asked the girl next to her if she had read it. Instantly the answer came—"Horrors, no! It's on the required list, you know it's punk." And not one dissenting voice from the dozen girls working there! What can teachers and librarians do to correct this feeling? Is not Mrs. Conkling's first sentence the real and only solution? "More books, the best

books of all time, and freedom of choice once the books are there."

The fourth annual Children's Book Week is a continued step in the effort that is being made to bring "More books, the best books," to children. A leaflet has been prepared by the committee which contains many valuable suggestions on the observance of the week and a list of material which may be obtained free. This will be supplied free in any quantity upon application to Children's Book Week Committee, 334 5th Avenue, New York City.

The Bookshelf for boys and girls, 1922-23 will consist of fifty-eight pages; it will be classified by ages and according to interest, and will have many illustrations and descriptive annotations and a full author index. The Bookshelf is now ready for distribution and will contain the list of all books published prior to the fall of 1922. A supplementary section consisting of eight pages carrying a list of 1922 fall publications will be printed about October 15 and furnished gratis in equal quantities with the main catalog.

The Library Division will send one copy of the Bookshelf to each public library and copies will be distributed to graded and high schools through the library institutes. For quantities, orders should be sent direct to R. R. Bowker Co., 62 W. 45th street, New York City.

Prices:

100 copies	-----	\$ 6.00
250 copies	-----	14.00
500 copies	-----	25.00
1000 copies	-----	45.00
Imprint on any order, \$1.50 extra.		

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Detroit Conference

The Detroit conference the last week in June was one of the largest in the history of the A. L. A. with a registration of over 1800. The disadvantages of holding a meeting in a large city, where people were necessarily scattered in various hotels, were largely overcome by the excellent local arrangements and the cool weather.

Detroit was a most gracious host, and the reception at the magnificent new library building, and Mr. Strohm's charming farewell at the closing session will stand out in the memory of all who attended.

The general sessions were of unusual interest, opening with President Burton's in-

spiring address on "The New American." The session devoted to recruiting with short talks by those interested in various forms of library service was especially worth while, and the final session with the splendid addresses by Mr. Roden and Miss Hazeltine on the librarian's duty to the profession sent every one home with higher ideals and fresh inspiration.

There was the usual multiplicity of sectional meetings, overlapping in time and subject matter in many cases, so that the conscientious delegate had little time for viewing exhibits, visiting libraries, or the personal conferences which are so valuable a part of such a meeting.

One of the interesting features of the children's librarians' section was the presentation of the Newbery medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children written during the last year. The medal, donated by Frederic G. Melcher of New York City, was presented by Miss Clara Whitehill Hunt of Brooklyn to Dr. Hendrik Van Loon, for his "Story of Mankind." Dr. Van Loon was present and made a brief speech of acceptance. The medal is named for John Newbery, the famous eighteenth century publisher and the first of his craft to pay special attention to books and reading for children. Miss Hunt expressed the gratitude of children's librarians for Mr. Melcher's gift, which is intended to encourage the best present-day writers to devote their talents and energy to juvenile works. The medal was awarded last year to Hugh Lofting for "The Story of Dr. Dolittle."

Over 150 persons attended the practical five-lecture course on library news writing organized by the A. L. A. publicity committee and given by Professor Willard G. Bleyer, director of courses in journalism at the University of Wisconsin. The course was given at 8:15 in the morning so as to allow delegates to attend morning sessions and he also held consultations on specific problems with groups and individuals. The course followed his book on Newspaper Writing and Editing. So much enthusiasm was shown by those attending the course, that it was voted to have a similar course next year, public speaking receiving the largest number of votes.

In honor of the Association, the Detroit Free Press on the day before the conference had issued a twelve-page book and li-

brary supplement and during and after the conference an unprecedented amount of space in local and other papers was given to the week's discussions, for which thanks are due not only to the respective editors, but also to the indefatigable publicity committee of the A. L. A. For the Detroit News broadcasting service President Root spoke briefly on how the county library brings city benefits to the farm.

The day at Ann Arbor was a delightful one, with luncheon at the Michigan Union, inspection of the wonderful University library building and an organ recital in the auditorium before returning.

The conference was characterized by a new spirit of democracy shown in the free discussions, and brought about largely by the new method of voting which gave every member of the A. L. A. a chance to express his opinion. Mr. George B. Utley, of Newberry Library, Chicago, former secretary of the A. L. A. was elected president. His long experience in the service of the association and his close proximity to headquarters should insure an unusually efficient administration.

Minnesota was well represented at the conference as shown by the fact that fifty-eight present and past Minnesotans gathered for an informal dinner one evening. The delegates from the Twin Cities went by special car to Chicago, joining the A. L. A. special there.

HENNEPIN COUNTY BOOK WAGON

Not quite two months ago, the Hennepin County book wagon carrying an attractive little library of about two hundred volumes made its first appearance in the rural districts of the county. In spite of the fact that it is the farmer's busy season, when reading must necessarily be laid aside for more pressing duties, the book wagon has in this short time made many good friends who hail its coming with delight.

Once in four weeks is as often as the library on wheels can cover the routes laid out for it. There is, therefore, no limit set on the number of books that may be drawn by each family. Most are satisfied with two or three, but there is at least one point where a large and happy family gather around the wagon and make such a raid on the contents that the chauffeur-

librarian involuntarily begins to wonder whether she will have to return for a fresh supply. It hasn't happened yet, but when winter and leisure comes, there will surely have to be larger reserves packed in the truck's commodious "insides."

The summer reading of the farmer does not vary greatly from that of the city dweller. He wants to be rested and amused; he wants thrills and adventure, so, of course, the book wagon is well stocked with these, but always one corner is reserved for books on the farmer's job, to which his attention is always drawn and not infrequently he is very glad to get "Small Fruit Production," "The Call of the Hen," or "The Potato."

One farmer's wife who was "too busy canning to read" was immediately offered "Successful Canning and Preserving" and the book wagon had made another friend. She stopped and examined the little shelf full of practical books and drawing out "Make Your Own Hats," she said, "Take that to the blacksmith's wife at———," which was done the very next week.

Being so very new at the job, of course, the poor Ford occasionally takes the wrong turning. One day when it had strayed a little from its intended course, it stopped before a farm house where only an invalid was at home, a woman who could barely drag herself from her couch to the door. Her smile over the armful of books left to help her while away the time was worth a day's journey and the book wagon will certainly repeat the "wrong turning" on its next trip.

On every trip the book wagon also visits several library stations, giving them an opportunity to freshen up their collections. And last but not least, it is giving the county library the liveliest kind of advertising among the people that the library is most anxious to reach.

—Pauline Field, County Organizer.

KOOCHICHING COUNTY LIBRARY CAMPAIGN

A quiet effort has been made during Miss Olson's stay in International Falls to interest people in the possibilities of the county library, and books have been lent to people throughout the county whenever they were requested. Through her work in the hospitals, the librarian has come in

contact with some residents of remote parts of the county, who have greatly appreciated the service offered.

During the present summer a more definite campaign has been undertaken beginning with a talk at the annual Farmers' Club picnic in July by Miss Lillian Cook of the Library Division, when the county library exhibit was effectively displayed on the side of a weathered granary, while the audience were seated about on planks placed across stumps. In August, Miss Olson made a tour through the county accompanied by Miss Baldwin. All the small villages were visited, including Littlefork, Big Falls, Gemmell, Mizpah, and Northome. In all these places public libraries have been started through gifts to the Women's Clubs, but in some cases, the clubs have disbanded and the books are not easily accessible. There are five consolidated schools, all of which have good collections of books. An attempt was made to show the advantages which would be gained through the county system in trained service and supervision and in combining the small collections which have largely outlived their usefulness in their present locations, but could be passed on to other readers.

Part of the trip was made with the county agent, and an opportunity was afforded to speak at the Old Settlers' picnic and at three meetings of Farmers' Clubs. Considerable interest has been manifested by the people in the country, many of whom are isolated during the winter, and a committee of the Farm Bureau has been appointed to co-operate with the librarian in continuing the campaign of education until financial conditions are more favorable.

AIDS FOR LIBRARIANS

Bookshelf for boys and girls, R. R. Bowker Co., 62 W. 45th St., New York City. For prices and description see *Children's Book Week*, page 56.

Boys' books, A. L. A., 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, 1922. \$1 per 100; \$5 per 1000. Thirty-nine titles with descriptive notes that will make a boy want to read. A four-page leaflet, envelope-insert size.

Child and the book, by Christopher Morley, A. L. A., 78 E. Washington St., Chicago. \$1.25 per hundred. An attractive four-page leaflet which may be used to attract young women to library work with

children or in library campaigns—establishment, financial, or extension.

Children's books for Christmas presents.

New edition ready in October, \$3.00 per 100, \$20.00 per 1000. Purchaser's imprint will appear on title page. A new buying list for parents and others who make gifts to children. One hundred titles with prices and brief descriptive notes.

Graded list of books for children, compiled by the Elementary school committee of the library department of the N. E. A. American Library Association, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago. \$1.25. About 850 entries arranged in three groups, grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-9, giving author, title, publisher, price, descriptive note, and grade. There is a directory of publishers, a list of sixty reference books, grades 1-9, and title and subject indices.

The two-foot shelf, twenty-five books for country schools selected by vote of teachers and librarians and published by the A. L. A., 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. \$1.00 per 100, \$5.00 per 1000. The list is printed on page 64 of this number.

Viewpoint series, ed. by Josephine Adams Rathbone. American Library Association, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. 60c. A series of bibliographies based on "an arrangement of books according to their essential interest" with full bibliographic data and usually a short descriptive note. Librarians will find them very helpful as a basis of book selection or aids in club study and English teachers will find them invaluable. The three following titles have been published:

Horton, *Viewpoints in essays*, 1922. Author and title index.

Rathbone, *Viewpoints in travel*, 1919. Author and geographical index.

Tappert, *Viewpoints in biography*, 1921. Author and subject index.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

The demand for individual recreational reading is greater in the summer than at any time and we hardly have been able to fill the requests for recent fiction. Readers still seem to be interested in Wells' "Outline of History" and Strachey's "Queen Victoria" on which we have a waiting list, and books on radio are in demand. The number of traveling libraries sent out drops off very much during the summer,

but it gives time to work on new libraries and refurbish the old ones.

Evidently club women still are interested in public affairs as there are thirteen clubs devoting their time wholly or in part to the study of civics and social problems. South America has been the next popular subject with seven clubs studying it, and Alaska and American Literature each have four.

A nice mother came into the office the other day asking for additional books for children in the first three grades. There is no library in her town and she was not satisfied with the books her small boy was reading so she sent for a juvenile library and twice each week has it open for all the boys and girls in town. She takes time to talk over the books with the children, and while she is a busy housewife and mother, she is doing real library work.

The sheriff of one of the county jails sent to Miss Carey for books for his prisoners who are sometimes with him a year. Through her we were able to send him fifty books for permanent use in the jail. This branch of library service is just being developed and was one of the topics discussed at the A. L. A. There are fifty-four county seats in Minnesota that have tax supported public libraries. If any of these librarians are doing work with the jails, we shall be glad to have an account of it.

One of the pleasantest things about library work is the little intimate, interesting human contacts it brings. This letter came this week:

"I have been a book-lover all my life, and altho I must have read considerable trash in my day, my mind did want solid reading and I was lucky enough to get hold of John B. Alden's publications in which I found such as Darwin, Tyndale, Grant Allen, Huxley, Macaulay and many others. I can read a good novel such as "Main Street" and "If Winter Comes," but otherwise I like ancient history and also lately I have begun to study psychology and things in that line.

"I was born in Norway and would like some of Bjornsen, Ibsen or Hamsum. I read Swede as easy as Norwegian. I am 74 years old, but my mind seems to crave for information as much as it ever did."

The librarian of the traveling libraries has had several pleasant business trips this

summer. One day was spent in the library at Elk River and a meeting held with the library board. The school library collection at Maynard was mended, accessioned, classified, and a charging system put in. A very delightful week was spent in Koochiching county largely in the interests of a county library. A talk was given to the library class at the Bemidji State Teachers' College on a one day's visit during the summer session.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Frederic E. Brasch, reference librarian of the J. J. Hill Reference Library has resigned his position to take up research work in Washington, D. C.

Miss Wilhelmina E. Carothers, librarian Minnesota Historical Society, has resigned her position to accept the position of reference librarian in the Hill Reference Library.

Miss Gertrude Krausnick, reference librarian at the University of Iowa, succeeds Miss Carothers as librarian of the Historical Society.

Miss Alma Penrose, associate librarian of Carleton College, has accepted the position of librarian of the University High School, where a model collection and equipment for high school libraries will be built up. Miss Penrose went to New York to give instruction in the summer library course at Columbia University, but had an attack of bronchial pneumonia and was obliged to spend several weeks in a hospital.

Miss Helen Norris, organizer for the Library Extension Division of the New York State Education Department, has accepted a position in the University of Minnesota Library.

Miss Helen Letson has been appointed librarian of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 68 (Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis) and is also in charge of the work at Hospital No. 65 (The Aberdeen, St. Paul).

At the annual conference for library workers, held in Iowa City, July 5-6, in connection with the Iowa Summer School, Mr. Walter, librarian of the University of Minnesota, gave a talk on possibilities of the public library for the business man, and Miss Baldwin of the Dept. of Educa-

tion spoke on County libraries—the next step.

Miss Lucy Gilbert, for many years in charge of the art museum in the Minneapolis Public Library, lost her life in the Lafayette Club fire at Lake Minnetonka. Miss Gilbert refused to leave an old friend with whom she was staying, and died as she had lived with no thought of her self.

Miss Mary Tawney, librarian of Franklin Branch, Minneapolis, has been appointed supervisor of library instruction in the grade schools for the coming year.

Miss Ethel Berry, who was formerly librarian at Franklin Branch, but has been at her home in Pennsylvania for several years, returns to her former position in Minneapolis.

Miss Lois Jordan of the Order Dept., Minneapolis Public Library, Miss Marian Dinsmoor of the Branch Dept. and Miss Ruth Thompson of the Art Dept. have spent the summer abroad.

Miss Mary Benjamin and Miss Florence Ogden, graduates of Western Reserve library school, 1922, have been appointed reference and loan assistants in the Minneapolis Public Library.

Miss Dora Pearson of the Catalog Division and Miss Ruth Upton, formerly of the Periodical Division of the Saint Paul Public Library, will enter the New York State Library School in September.

Miss Grace Fifield of the Branch Division is spending her vacation on the Pacific coast where she will visit the libraries in the principal cities.

Miss Hazel Laing has resigned as librarian at Buhl to accept a position as librarian of the National Safety Council in Chicago.

Miss Lorine Kolbeck, children's librarian at Buhl, has resigned to enter the special course in children's work at Cleveland.

Miss Nelle A. Olson, librarian at International Falls for the past two years, has resigned to become librarian at Buhl. Miss Merle Johnson of Buhl has been appointed children's librarian.

Miss Margaret Gilpin, formerly librarian at Nashwauk, for the past year at Stout Institute, Wis., has been appointed librarian at Mountain Iron.

Miss Gertrude Davis, librarian at the

Warrensburg, Mo. Normal School, has been elected cataloger at the Hibbing Public Library.

Mrs. R. E. Tuttle has been elected librarian at Two Harbors succeeding Miss Mildred Bryden. Mrs. Tuttle has been an assistant in the school library.

Miss Ruth M. E. Hennig, head cataloger, Kansas State Agricultural College, has been appointed assistant librarian at Moorhead Teachers' College.

Miss Alice Horsfall of Flandreau, S. Dak., a graduate of Western Reserve Library School, has been appointed high school librarian and Miss Harriett van Buren, Wisconsin Library School, grade and junior high school librarian at Mankato succeeding Miss Eva Squire, resigned.

Miss Eva Squire, who organized the school library work at Mankato has taken a position at Pensacola, Florida on account of her health.

Miss Bessie Magahay, who has been high school librarian at Port Huron, Mich., a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, has been made school librarian at Faribault, working in connection with the public library.

Miss Muriel Voss of Faribault has been made an assistant in the public library.

Other appointments in school library are:

Miss Augusta Bjeldanes, Roosevelt Junior High School, Minneapolis; Mrs. Bryce, North East High School, Minneapolis; Miss Frances Graham, Chisholm; Miss Lorena G. Beckwith, Moorhead; Miss Schmidt, New Ulm; Miss Bonnie Davies, Pipestone, Miss Constance Logue, Coleraine, and Miss Helen Perry, Long Prairie school and public library. Miss Perry took the library work given by Miss Ely at the Duluth Teachers' College this summer, supplemented by practice work in the library and Miss Logue and Miss Schmidt took the course at Columbia University.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual reports of public libraries were asked for in July, but at present only about half of the libraries in the state have been heard from. As this is the year for the printed biennial report, librarians are urged to send in their reports without further delay. The report of the Library Division must be ready by October 15, and it is urgent that statistics of libraries should be complete.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

NOTE—Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. These should be real news items, indicating some progress, or new plan which may be suggestive to other libraries. Notes should be sent to the Director of Libraries by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Austin. The library float in the Fourth of July parade was one of those receiving special comment. The queen of bookdorm was enthroned imparting wisdom to a group of children.

Brainerd. The library building has been redecorated and new lights installed. A U. S. flag has been purchased and will be flying whenever the library is open.

The social welfare committee of the Brainerd Musical Club has compiled a recommended list of books for children for use in Crow Wing county.

Canby. A fund of \$1,565.00, the proceeds of a Chautauqua course was turned over to the public library for purchase of books.

Cloquet. The library was closed for several weeks in July while the interior was being redecorated.

Fairfax. A public library has been organized by the Woman's Civic League. The Commercial Club donated \$70 for the establishment of a pay shelf, to contain the latest books. The rental charge is 5c a week and the income will be used in a revolving fund to purchase more books.

Faribault. A new delivery desk and magazine racks in the reading room and on the main floor are recent improvements in the public library. One of the newspapers recently carried a front page advertisement of the children's story-hour which has been held weekly through the summer months.

Farmington. The Community Club has carried on a book drive to start a public library.

Gilbert. The High School Alumni Association has unanimously voted to work for a public library in Gilbert. A committee has been appointed to plan a campaign.

Harmony. A tag day for the library brought in over \$80.

International Falls. The library has moved to new quarters on the opposite side of the street. While the reading-room is

somewhat smaller, it is pleasantly arranged with good light and the fresh cream wall finish adds much to the attractiveness. The large display window with groups of new books and gay bowls of flowers from the library garden attracts the casual passer-by and affords an excellent means of publicity. The moving was accomplished without closing for a single hour of the regular library days.

Minneapolis. The public library is asking for an appropriation of \$365,000 for 1923. The branch formerly located at the Brenner school will be moved to the new Jordan Junior high school in September.

The library board at its meeting on Aug. 3 received a communication from Mr. Walker stating that the city had not fulfilled its part in the terms of his offer and that if these were not met within a year, the gift would be withdrawn. The board will attempt to get the necessary funds to start a building and thus preserve this gift.

University of Minnesota. Contracts for the new library building were let early in June, and work is well under way. The total cost will be \$1,310,000, an average of 42c a cubic foot, the lowest construction cost attained at the university in several years.

Montevideo. The public library board has made a contract with the school board, whereby they will employ a librarian jointly. She will instruct two classes in library work at the high school. Miss Blanche Spooner has been engaged for this work, and will begin work Sept. 4 on her return from a summer in Europe.

Northome. A library tea was given at the home of the librarian, Mrs. J. E. Cowan, in June.

Olivia. The library has been removed from the armory to rooms over a store.

Owatonna. The annual report of the library shows unprecedented growth in all departments of work. Eighteen rural schools have become library centers, and a larger appropriation will be asked from the county so that this work may be thoroughly organized.

Paynesville. The village has voted a community building which will contain a room for the library. The Booklovers Club has given \$200 to the library, \$100 for books and \$100 to furnish the new library room.

Rochester. During the week of May 29-June 3, a drive for books for the hospital library service was carried on with a generous response. The library has extensive plans for placing small collections of books in the ward schools on the outskirts of the city.

The library has received a bequest of \$1000 from the late Mrs. L. A. Smith.

Rushford. The contract for the new library building was let for \$10,620. The additional cost of plumbing and lighting will bring the total cost up to \$12,000. The cornerstone was laid August 22, and the work will be completed November 15.

St. Charles. A musical entertainment for the St. Charles Public Library raised a considerable sum for the purchase of new books.

St. Paul. An exhibit of paintings by St. Paul artists has been displayed in the Exhibition room of the library during the summer.

An article by Gardner Teall describing the work of the Fine Arts Department of the St. Paul Public Library appeared in the August 1922 issue of "Arts and Decoration."

A station of the St. Paul Public Library has been opened in the People's Church under the direction of the Fifth Ward Neighborhood Association. The collection includes books for both adults and children.

A delivery station has been opened in the Grey Shop, 164 North Dale street, near the corner of Selby avenue.

The library has published the following new lists of books: Vacation Days, a suggestive list for boys and girls, grades 5-8, and Recent Fiction and revised editions of Salesmanship and Out-of-door books for boys and girls.

The Readers' Aid department has inaugurated a few "helps" for readers. Among these is a shelf marked "Old Friends," which contains old standard books and the most popular novels of the past twenty-five years. Books of European travel also occupy a special shelf. For guidance in the choice of late publications, short reviews are pasted in the books.

The Reader's Aid Department is also preparing a subject index of fiction and a list of novels in sequences. In each volume of each sequence a list will be placed showing the order in which the volumes should be read.

Stewartville. The school library and the traveling library from Rochester were open one afternoon a week during the summer. To defray expenses, the sum of 25c per family for the season was charged.

Two Harbors. The Mothers' Club secured the photoplay of "The Little Minister" as a benefit for the library. The proceeds were \$90.

The following motto seen in a hotel office applies equally well to library service:

"The valuable employee is one who does the right thing without being told—who senses the requirements of our patrons and meets those requirements in a way that reflects credit upon this establishment."

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL LIBRARY LISTS

The **Elementary School Library List** in a completely revised form has been sent to all of the public libraries and school libraries in the state. A supply for the ungraded elementary schools has been sent to each county superintendent. One copy has been sent to each town superintendent and to each public library, to whom additional copies will be furnished upon request. This list is the property of the school and it is very important that it be carefully preserved.

The High School Library Supplement

A supplement to the High School Library List will be ready for distribution soon. This supplement will include the 1920 supplement and additional books, many of which bear on the new Course of Study. It does not supersede the "Gray List" **Minnesota Library Books for High Schools, 1917-1918**. Books on both lists will be available for aid. Particular attention is called to the fact that there are many books on the Elementary School Library list that are suitable for high school and community reading. These have not been reprinted in the High School List so that it will be necessary to consult both the Elementary and High School Lists in making up an order for high school work. Attention is called to the Standards published in the preface of the Elementary List and to the book needs of the different parts of the school system. Suggestions are also given in the preface for the best methods of ordering books and of interesting pupils in them. As soon as the new curriculum has been completed a revised High School Library List will be issued.

LIBRARY LESSONS

The Committee on High School Curriculum requested the preparation of a series of library lessons. The Supervisor of School Libraries has been assisted in this work by Lois Davidson, Elizabeth Scripture, Mary Kimball and Lillian Cook. The following statement appears in the prefatory bulletin which explains the plan:

The Library and Its Use

The library is a vital part of the secondary school, having a definite service relation to every department and to every student and teacher. Any failure to function immediately cripples the work of the school.

The Report on Standard Library Organization and Equipment prepared by a committee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, C. C. Certain, Detroit, Chairman, is recommended as the general basis for a local school library program.

The librarian's work is summarized as follows:

"In the administration of the library distinctions should be made as to educational, administrative, technical, and clerical work.

a. The **educational work** may be summarized as follows:

(1) **Reference.**—Helping teachers and students to find suitable material on special topics, notifying teachers of new books and articles along professional lines, looking up answers to questions which have come up in classroom or laboratory, and preparing suggestive reference reading along the lines of the course of study.

(2) **Instruction.**—Systematic instruction of students in the use of reference books and library tools, such as card catalog, indexes, etc., by the giving of lectures, quizzes, and practical tests. In this instruction the relationship of the high-school library and the public library and the relation of the library to life outside of school should be emphasized.

(3) **Educational and vocational guidance.**—Cultural and inspirational work in widening the interests of the students and in cultivating a taste for good reading. This is done through posting interesting material on bulletin boards and compiling lists of interesting reading in books and magazines, thru reading clubs and personal guidance of the reading of individual students.

The librarian should also co-operate with vocational counselors in aiding students in the choice of vocations and should have on hand in the library, pamphlets, catalogs, etc., on the occupations.

A **card record** for each student should be kept from year to year, showing the progress of the student's reading interests. Much attention should be given to individual and group conferences.

b. The **administrative work** may be summarized as follows: Directing the policy of the library, selecting books, purchasing books, planning the room and its equipment, keeping records of expenses and planning the annual library budget, planning and directing the work of trained or student assistants, and building up a working collection of pamphlets, clippings, and of illustrative material.

The librarian should be present at all teachers' meetings and should have the ability to work for and with teachers so well that mistakes in adaptation of book collections to needs may not occur.

c. The **technical work** may be summarized as follows: The classifying, cataloging, indexing, and filing of all printed matter so that it may be readily available for use; establishing a practical charging system to keep track of books and other materials borrowed from the library; attending to the proper binding and rebinding of books; and keeping necessary records and statistics of additions to library, use of library, etc.

d. Clerical work of the high school of the nature of office work should not be demanded of the librarian—To require such work of trained librarians is wasteful of educational resources and money.

Free textbooks should not be stored in the library, and they should be handled, not by the library staff, but by a special book clerk, whose duties should also include any selling where this is required."

The assistant librarian's work is summarized as follows:

"The work of the assistant librarian, although under the direction of the librarian in charge, would be co-ordinate in many respects with that of the librarian and should be along inspirational and educational, as well as technical lines. The work of the assistant librarian should include, among other duties, keeping all statistical records, caring for magazines, newspapers, pictures, and clippings, helping with cataloging, assisting in enforcing discipline, helping in the supervision of clubs, and personally guiding the reading of students."

The Minnesota course of study provides in the English course for 15 hours of library instruction in the use and appreciation of books and libraries.

First year, first semester: Ten lessons given during two consecutive weeks covering minimum essentials to give the students a general knowledge of library tools so that they may study to advantage during their entire course.

Third year, first semester: Five lessons given during one week covering the more advanced phases of bibliography, special reports and debates, and emphasis upon the personal ownership of books.

The courses in other subjects include additional library lessons according to special needs.

A credit course for student library assistants may be offered in schools having trained librarians. An outline will be provided upon request.

IS YOUR LIBRARY ORGANIZED FOR EDUCATION?

The following resolution on School Library Objectives was passed at the June meeting of the council of the American Library Association and also by the School Library Section of the National Education Association:

The American Library Association believes that every student from the elementary school through the university should learn to use and appreciate books and libraries, not only that he may study to advantage in school, but also that he may continue through adult life to benefit from the resources of libraries.

To accomplish this there should be a supervisor of school libraries in every state and province, and a school librarian or supervisor for every school system—city, county, township or district.

We therefore recommend as a minimum standard that there be at least one full-time school librarian for an enrollment of

1000 elementary and high school pupils.

Whether the school library supervisor or librarian shall be employed by school or library authorities, separately or jointly, is a matter to be determined by state or local conditions.

MINNESOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Library Section

There will be a very helpful program on school library work at the meeting of the Minnesota Education Association. Miss Martha Wilson, librarian of Springfield, Ill., formerly supervisor of school libraries in Minnesota and author of "School Management" will give an inspirational talk at one session and will also speak at the luncheon.

Other features of the meeting will be group conferences of librarians engaged in similar lines of work, and demonstrations of library projects by teachers and librarians.

The plan is to hold at least one session in the new library of the University High School. This will be convenient of access and enable the school librarians in the state to see the fine new equipment of the University High School Library and to meet the librarian, Miss Alma Penrose, recently of Carleton College. School librarians and others interested are urged to make a point of attending this important meeting.

BOOK CONFERENCES

On the last Saturday of each month, not a holiday, beginning in September and continuing through April, a book conference will be held at the University High School Library under the direction of the State Supervisor of School Libraries. The plan is to meet at 11:30 for a luncheon meeting. Librarians out through the state will be most welcome.

TWO FOOT SHELF FOR A COUNTRY SCHOOL

The ballots for the first twenty-five books for a country school cast during the conferences of the A. L. A. at Detroit and the N. E. A. at Boston have resulted in the following selection:

Alcott, Little Women; Carroll, Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass; Defoe, Robinson Crusoe; Stevenson, Treasure Island; Twain, Tom Sawyer; Naylor, Boys' Life of Abraham Lincoln; Kipling, Jungle Book; Anderson, Fairy Tales; Aesop's Fables; Stevenson, Child's Garden of Verses; Pyle, Merry Adventures of Robin Hood; Lamb, Tales from Shakespeare; Arabian Nights; Malory, Boys' King Arthur; Van Loon, Story of Mankind; Wiggan, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm; Stevenson, B. E. Home Book of Verse for young folks; Dickens, Christmas Carol; Irving, Rip Van Winkle; Mother Goose; Dodge, Hans Brinker; Hagedorn, Boys' Life of Theodore Roosevelt; Hawthorne, Wonder Book for boys and girls; Seton, Wild Animals I Have Known; Spyri, Heidi.